

ACTION MINUTES
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
July 11, 2002

THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIOCASSETTE TAPES OF THE ACTUAL MEETING ARE AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair, Toni Young called the meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee (EEC) to order at 10:35a.m.

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD and INTRODUCTIONS

Larry Forester, Signal Hill, and Mark Rutherford, Westlake Village, were introduced as new members. Tom LaBonge, Los Angeles, was also in attendance.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Action Minutes – June 6, 2002

4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 SCAG Legislative Matrix 2001/2002 Session

4.2.2 Semi-Monthly Intergovernmental Review (IGR) Report: Areawide Clearinghouse Listing Environmental Document Listing and Amendments to Regional Transportation Improvement Program.

Motioned by Dube to APPROVE Consent Calendar, Seconded by Miller, then APPROVED. Forester abstained.

5.0 ACTION ITEMS

5.1 Air Quality: PM10 SIP Re-submittal and Conformity Implications
Molly Hoffman, SCAG Staff, provided the Committee with an update on the implications of re-submittal of two PM10 State Implementation Plans (SIP's), one for Coachella Valley and one for the South Coast Air Basin. Both SIPs request an extension of the attainment date from December 31, 2001 to 2006. EPA has six

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months to make a finding. A failure to attain finding would mean the Basin would be subject to a 5% emission reduction of PM10, per year, which is unattainable. SCAG has concerns with the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) timeline for approval of the emissions budget. Once the EPA approves the emission budget then conformity determinations need to be founded on that budget. Based upon the actual date of the EPA's approval, this may move up the timeline for completion of the 2004 Regional Transportation Program.

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.2 Air Quality: Diesel Emissions from Truck Idling at Ports and Terminals

Molly Hoffman briefed the Committee on the components of diesel exhaust and the health effects caused by trucks idling at the ports and terminals. An outline of health risks due to pollutants caused by emissions and the proposed programs to reduce diesel exhaust emission were also discussed.

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.3 Impacts of AB 2650 (Lowenthal) on the Trucking Community

Stephanie Williams, California Trucking Association (CTA) addressed some of the primary concerns of the trucking industry:

- inconsistent and unfair regulations between Federal and California authorities
- use of non-CARB fuels (out-of-state trucks) vs. mandatory use of CARB fuel by California trucks
- NAFTA agreement with Mexico
- interstate commerce/competitive disadvantages
- port hours of operation

The trucking industry supports AB 2650 because it would reduce the number of trucks idling at the ports by encouraging extended gate hours at the ports, shift changes and scheduled appointments for pick-up and delivery of cargo.

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.4 Impacts of AB 2650 (Lowenthal) on Ports and Merchants

Tim Parker, Steamship Association of Southern California, addressed some of the steps shipping companies and terminal operators in the port industry have taken to reduce emissions:

- use of larger, newer, more efficient ships – less ships coming into ports
- reduction of speeds while approaching ports
- new technology and systems in place to eliminate invasive species in the water
- installation of treatment systems on all ships for each shipping line for all harbors

The Steamship Association of Southern California is against AB 2650 because:

- it does not provide quantifiable improvement in air quality
- it does not ensure a decrease in truck queues
- extension of port operating hours will greatly increase costs
- adverse effects to collective bargaining
- it does not change shift times to correspond with truck arrival patterns

Receive and file item, no action taken.

5.5 Legislative Update: AB 2650 (Lowenthal)

Charlotte Eckelbecker, SCAG Staff, provided an updated summary of AB 2650. During a hearing at the Senate Committee on Transportation on June 25, 2002, AB 2650 was passed as amended and re-referred to the Committee on Local Government scheduled for August 7, 2002. At that time, a mass rule waiver is expected and the approval process will continue.

Motioned by Forester to APPROVE, Seconded by Ruvalcaba, then APPROVED by the majority. Opposed by Kring.

5.6 Updated Energy Chapter on Regional Comprehensive Plan and Guide

Nancy Pfeffer, SCAG Staff, briefed the Committee on the forthcoming Energy Chapter in preparation. PowerPoint presentation included summaries of:

- electricity consumption
- energy sources
- energy use implications

- demand side management

Receive and file item, no action taken.

6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS

6.1 Water Policy Task Force
Next meeting – TBD

6.2 Solid Waste Task Force
Next meeting - TBD

7.0 CHAIRS' REPORT

None

8.0 STAFF REPORT

Rich Macias on medical leave.

11.0 COMMITTEE INFORMATION SHARING

None

12.0 COMMENT PERIOD

None

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

Committee adjourned at 12:10 pm

Approved by:

Rich Macias, Manager
Aviation and Environmental Planning

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE		
Member	City	Present
Clark, Margaret	Rosemead	X

Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach	
Cowan, Elizabeth	Costa Mesa	
Daniels, Gene	Paramount	X
De Rosa, Kathleen	Cathedral City	
Dube, M.J. "Mac"	Twenty-nine Palms	X
Eckenrode, Norman	Placentia	X
Feinstein, Michael	Santa Monica	
Forester, Larry	Signal Hill	X
Gonzales, Josie	Fontana	
Kring, Lucille	Anaheim	X
Krom, Beth	Irvine	
Kuiper, Hank (Vice Chair)	Imperial	X
La Bonge, Tom	Los Angeles	X
Miscikowski, Cindy	Los Angeles	
Miller, Michael	West Covina	X
Nelson, Larry	Artesia	
Roth, Neil	Lawndale	
Rutherford, Mark	Westlake Village	X
Ruvalcaba, Xochilt	South Gate	X
Streator, Joyce	Pasadena	
Van Arsdale, Lori	Hemet	X
Washburn, Dennis	Calabasas	
Weiss, Jack	Los Angeles	
Young, Toni (Chair)	Port Hueneme	X

Ex-Officio Members		
Member	Agency	Present
Arias-Lee, Norma	Metropolitan Water District	
Gildred, Kathleen	SCCED	X
Ketcham, Ron	SCAQMD	
Oduyemi, Felix	SCE	X
Perdue, Robert	California Regional Water Control Board	
Pruett, Ben	Gas Company	X
Wein, George	Metropolitan Water District	X

Quorum	8
Voting Members Present	13
Total Voting Members	25
% Members Present	52%